



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joel A. Drewes, et al.

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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MASS  
TRANSPORT ASSISTED OPTICAL  
ASSAYS

Examiner: Jeffrey Lundgren

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2001 ("Paper No. 9"), please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace claims 1-6, 18, 19, and 23 with the following claims. A marked-up version of these claims is attached hereto as Appendix A.

1. (Amended) An optical assay device for the detection of an analyte of interest in a sample comprising:  
a support containing channels;

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(37 C.F.R. § 1.8a)

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